



## **SURF CITY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

**Surf City Town Hall – 201 Community Center Drive**

### **Council Present:**

Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor

William J. (Buddy) Fowler, Mayor Pro-Tem

Nelva Albury

Donald R. Helms

Teresa Batts

Jeremy Shugarts

I. CALL TO ORDER – Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor

II. INVOCATION – William J. (Buddy) Fowler, Mayor Pro-Tem

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Donald R. Helms, Councilman

IV. MAYOR'S REMARKS –

*We ask that all in attendance please set your cell phones to silent or vibrate mode. The Council offers the public an opportunities to speak during the meeting. Comments should be limited to three minutes each and must be directly issue-oriented with agenda items for this meeting, or an issue upon which the Council has control.*

*Citizen speakers will be acknowledged in the order in which they sign up to speak and will address all comments to the Board as a whole and not one individual Council member. Speakers will address the Council from the speaker's podium at the front of the room and will begin their remarks by stating their name and address. Discussions between Speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed. Public comment is not intended to require the Council to answer any impromptu questions. Speakers are expected to be civil in their language and presentation. Any comments where the primary purpose is to promote business or candidacy shall not be allowed.*

*In accordance with the Council's adopted Rules of Procedures, Councilmembers shall reserve responses, if any, for the Council Forum on the agenda.*

V. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA -

Mrs. Albury made a motion to remove item number three from the consent agenda. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Shugarts made a motion move item five to general items and approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes- February 5<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2019
2. Board of Adjustment Vice Chair Appointment – David Gilbride, BOA Member
3. Resolution No. 2019-08 Request NCDOT Speed Reduction Hwy 50/210
4. Ordinance Amendment No. 2019-02 Sec. 15-4 Containers Generally
5. Resolution No. 2019-09 – Road Name Change: Seahorse Lane

***\*Items under Consent are generally of a routine nature. The Board may take action to approve/disapprove all items in a single vote. Any item may be withheld from a general action, to be discussed and voted upon separately at the discretion of the Council.***

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Mr. Shugarts seconded the motion and it was carried.

VIII. GENERAL ITEMS-

6. Bid Acceptance – 2019 Sand Haul Beach Replenishment

Mrs. Loftis stated Omega Construction was the lowest bidder and it was under budget.

Mrs. Albury made a motion to accept Omega Construction for the sand haul. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

7. Emergency Management Director Description & Classification

Mr. Shugarts questioned the clarification on exactly who the Emergency Management Director would oversee and his authority.

Mrs. Loftis answered that it would be just over the Emergency Management department, not police or fire. He would assist with the manager, mayor and other agencies. The Director would not have more authority than police, fire or the manger, he is responsible for the management of the Emergency Command Center.

Mayor stated that James fulfilled this role during Hurricane Florence.

Mr. Helms made motion to approve the Director potion and classification. Mr. Shugarts seconded, and it was carried.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING –

8. Contiguous Annexation Request – Hwy 17 Spiller/Sidbury Pender County Pin#4225-09-2979-0000, 4226-00-6544-0000, 4226-11-4444-0000

Public Hearing Open 6:44pm

Henry Nadu of Scotts Hill is the commercial real estate broker representing the Spiller and Sidbury family for the annexation spoke on the ease of working with staff.

Close Public Hearing 6:48pm

Mrs. Albury made a motion to approve the annexation request, set the zoning as C-3 Extended Commercial and approve the resolution consistency statement.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT – Citizens have an opportunity to address the Council for no more than three minutes per speaker on topics which concern agenda items of this meeting.**

Joey Hemp 305 N. Topsail Drive spoke on his concerns of the debris on the high-rise bridge, as he rides a bicycle as his only means of mobilization.

Jack Solak 2408 S. Shore Drive thanked the council for pushing the sand on the beachfront.

David Gilbride 8013 8<sup>th</sup> St. spoke on the last workshop meeting and the compressive management plan and the fulltime position. In the meeting a new position was created, but not advertised. Mr. Gilbride stated his opinion was to advertise and select the best candidate. That no one knows the best candidate without advertising.

Laura Staton 2008 N. New River Drive thanked Steve Padgett for cleaning up the lot next to her home.

Sandi Monore 316 N. Shore asked about a rumor that she heard today, if Waste Industries did indeed buy-out Pink Trash. She also asked about the big gazebo on S. Shore Drive on the beachfront. She asked if the remaining stair pilings would be removed before the push is complete.

**XI. COUNCIL FORUM**

Mr. Helms thanked everyone for coming and that the rain will stop. She spoke on the fire department statics.

Mr. Shugarts stated he was super excited about the code enforcement officer. He stated back in the summer we worked on updating and gathering information on updating ordinances.

Mrs. Loftis stated that the hurricane did slow the process down but things are back on track. We have staff that is going to be presenting in the upcoming months.

Mrs. Albury thanked everyone for coming, and we are moving forward.

Mr. Fowler also thanked everyone for coming and for the positive comments. The items on the beach have been addressed, and we are working the homeowners. The beach push is coming along good and the sand haul should start soon. We need people to understand we are open for business and every day is better than the last. Beach accesses are opening back up rapidly. We have a great manager and we do rely on her to decide on who the best candidate is.

Mrs. Batts a couple weeks ago they meet with the NCDOT regarding the round-about at Watts Landing & Publix, and a green T at Hwy 17. These are for safety and will save lives. There is a dune workshop meeting this Saturday from 1-3pm at the Welcome Center. Next week delegates from N. Topsail and Topsail will be traveling to D.C. to meet with Senators and Federal delegates regarding beach nourishment. We meet with morning about the \$5 million grant with

Resource Institute and it was decided that the funds could be best used for stormwater infiltration.

Mayor stated we rode the beach yesterday and those property owners with debris would be contacted. He thanked everyone for coming tonight and the comments are appreciated, and they help us grow.

## XII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Helms made the motion to accept Resolution No 2019- 10 Sea Turtle as the official saltwater reptile. Mrs. Albury seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mrs. Loftis gave an update on town hall and the acceptance of the new architect. The approximate cost is \$3.5 million, we are accepting about \$1.5 million from FEMA. We received about \$150,000 from insurance. She stated she has applied from the Golden Leaf program for \$2.5 million from the state; we should hear from them by May. James Horne and she attended the after action meeting with Pender EM. These same conversations are going on with Onslow as well. Carl Shaffer with AWT is underway with the soil analysis for the Juniper Swamp spray fields. The town has been in contact with the gazebo owner. The town has been in discussion with DOT, we are the first to have a design such as this and DOT has a contractor to come out and try a new innovative design. The town is still working diligently with staff on cleaning it up. The flooding on S. Shore Drive has been discussed with WK Dickson and we are under contract with them, and they are currently doing a feasibility study for our high priority areas for roadway flooding. TA Loving is under construction with the final water and sewer improvements at Harris Teeter, the projected date for completion is March 11<sup>th</sup>. Staff is working on budget and we will have the kick-off at our next work session.

## XIII. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORTS

## XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fowler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.